

# Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 10-18-07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-4, 8-9, 7, 10-11, 13-17, 19-20, and 18. Renumbered 1-16, respectively.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Reason for Allowance*

1. Regarding claims 1, 3-4, 7-11, and 15-20, the prior art fails to teach or suggest a method for detecting a format of closed caption data contained in a broadcast signal automatically and displaying the closed caption data, the method comprising the steps wherein the format of the closed caption data in (b) or (c) includes one of a format defined by an EIA-608 closed caption standard or a format defined by an EIA-708 closed caption standard, and wherein when the format of the closed caption data detected in (b) is determined as the format defined by the EIA-608 closed caption standard and closed caption data having the format defined by the EIA-708 closed caption standard is received while the closed caption data received in (a) according to the EIA-608 closed caption standard in (c) is displayed to the user, the closed caption data is automatically decoded according to the EIA-708 closed caption standard and displayed to the user, in combination with other limitations, as specified in the independent claims 1, 10, and 15.

Regarding claims 13-14, the prior art fails to teach or suggest an apparatus for detecting a format of closed caption data contained in a broadcast signal automatically and displaying the closed caption data, the apparatus comprising a receiving unit, which receives information including the closed caption data extracted from the broadcast signal; wherein the format of the closed caption data includes one of a format defined by an EIA-608 closed caption standard and a format defined by an EIA-708 closed caption standard, and wherein when the closed caption data contained in the broadcast signal received while the caption decoder decodes the closed caption data received according to the format of the EIA-708 closed caption standard according to the format determined by the caption format determination unit and displays the closed

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caption data to the user, is determined by the caption format determination unit as closed caption data having the format defined by the EIA-608 closed caption standard, the caption decoder decodes the closed caption data according to the EIA-608 closed caption standard automatically and displays the closed caption data to the user, in combination with other limitations, as specified in the independent claim 13.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc Ho whose telephone number is (571) 272-3147. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel, can be reached on (571) 272-2988.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Patent Examiner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duc Ho", written in a cursive style.

Duc Ho

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